SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report is under consideration as far as the Devaswom portion of it is concerned. *Adequate pathivus* will be provided for all the Devaswoms. Government will not be deterred from doing so by any financial considerations. His Highness' Government unreservedly recognise their obligation to maintain intact, and in an efficient condition, their religious institutions. It is not proposed to publish Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report.

62. *Keeping an account of the income and expenditure of all Endowed Devaswoms.*

Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay (Member, Quilon Taluk) said that many Hindu temples had been entrusted to the Government for management, that during the previous settlements, the properties belonging to such temples had been recorded as Devaswam lands, but that in the present settlement, those properties were included as *Pandarapattom*. The old *Ayacut* accounts having been ordered to be destroyed, there would, in course of time, be no records to show that any property belonged to a Devaswom and what the revenue of such Devaswom was. This was very undesirable; and the Member thought that it was best to keep the revenues of the Devaswoms separate from other revenues. Otherwise, he feared that there would be seri difficulty in the future.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Kunnattur Tal suggested that the following steps might be taken improve the Devaswoms:—

(1) The Devaswom properties and their ann income should be ascertained.

(2) Separate accounts of receipts and expenditur should be kept.

(3) The balance should be utilised for the rec struction of dilapidated temples.

(4) The existing management of the Devaswar should be revised.

Dewan's reply.—This important question will considered very carefully. The Hindu Members may r assured that Government will take adequate steps to sa guard the interests of the Devaswoms, prospective as w as present.

The Assembly adjourned at 2-30 P. M. for the day.

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